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- ANSWER 2 OF 6 AGRICOLA L2
- In vivo modification of the cell wall polysaccharide galactomannan of guar TI, transformed with alpha-galactosidase gene cloned from senna.
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- Genetically modified coffee plants expressing the Bacillus TI thuringiensis crylAc gene for resistance to leaf miner.
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- Transgenic plants of coffee Coffee canephora from TI. embryogenic callus via Agrobacterium tumefaciens-mediated transformation.
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- Susceptibility of the coffee leaf miner (Perileucoptera spp.) to Τİ Bacillus thuringiensis delta-endotoxins: a model for transgenic perennial crops resistant to endocarpic insects.
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- Glufosinate as an efficient inhibitor of callus proliferation in TIcoffee tissue.

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AB Binding of several Bacillus thuringiensis delta-endotoxins was studied on histological midgut sections of larvae of coffee leaf miner Perileucoptera coffeella from Brazil and Perileucoptera sp from Madagascar. CryIA(a), CryIA(b), CryIA(c), CryIB, CryIE, and CryIIA were tested for binding, and only CryIA(c), CryIB, and CryIE yielded a positive response. The toxins bound to the whole midgut, and the result was identical on both insect populations. The same toxins, to the number of which CryIC was added, were tested on larvae of P. coffeella. CryIA(c) and CryIB were toxic with an LC50 of 1.47 micrograms/ml and 21.93 micrograms/ml, respectively. CryIE was not toxic to P. coffeella. CryIA(c) and CryIB were tested for synergistic activity and were shown to act by cumulative effect when delivered to the insect larvae as a mixture.

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- TI cDNA and protein sequences of Coffea arabica theobromine synthase isoforms and their used for caffeine biosynthesis
- L3 ANSWER 2 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI cDNA and protein sequences of coffee and tea N-methyltransferase and their uses for caffeine synthesis
- L3 ANSWER 3 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Modulation of histone deacetylase, drug screening method, and treatment methods
- L3 ANSWER 4 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Leptin for use in inhibition of endothelial cell proliferation optionally together with VEGF inhibitors
- L3 ANSWER 5 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Methods for treating immunomediated inflammatory disorders and changing skin pigmentation
- L3 ANSWER 6 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Treatment and prevention of hepatic disorders with vitamin E, pentoxifylline compounds, and 2,6-di-tert-butylphenol derivatives
- L3 ANSWER 7 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Treatment of narcolepsy and isolated cataplexy with immunosuppressants
- L3 ANSWER 8 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 1
- TI 7-methylxanthine methyltransferase of coffee plants. **Gene** isolation and enzymatic properties
- L3 ANSWER 9 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI cDNA cloning of caffeine (theobromine) synthase from coffee (Coffea arabica L.)

- L3 ANSWER 10 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Protein and CDNA sequences of a novel Camellia sinensis
  N-methyltransferase involved in caffeine biosynthesis and uses thereof

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- L3 ANSWER 1 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- This invention provides cDNA and protein sequences of four theobromine synthases cloned from Coffea arabica. The enzymes catalysis of the theobromine synthesis from 7-Me xanthine. The sequence of these enzymes can be used for prepn. of transgenic plant for increase the caffeine content or produce caffeine less coffee by knocking repression the expression of the gene.

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- L3 ANSWER 2 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- AB The invention provides the cDNA and protein sequences of coffee and tea N-Me transferase as well as the consensus sequence of them. The enzyme also has catalytic activity of 7-methylxanthine N-3-methyltransferase, theobromine N-1-methyltransferase and paraxanthine N-3-methyltransferase. The sequences can be used for caffeine biosynthesis in transgenic plants.

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ANSWER 8 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 1 L3 Caffeine is synthesized through sequential three-step methylation of xanthine derivs. at positions 7-N, 3-N, and 1-N. However, controversy exists as to the no. and properties of the methyltransferases involved. Using primers designed on the basis of conserved amino acid regions of tea caffeine synthase and Arabidopsis hypothetical proteins, a particular DNA fragment was amplified from an mRNA population of coffee plants. Subsequently, this fragment was used as a probe, and four independent clones were isolated from a cDNA library derived from coffee young leaves. Upon expression in Escherichia coli, one of them was found to encode a protein possessing 7-methylxanthine methyltransferase activity and was designated as CaMXMT. It consists of 378 amino acids with a relative mol. mass of 42.7 kDa and shows similarity to tea caffeine synthase (35.8%) and salicylic acid methyltransferase (34.1%). The bacterially expressed protein exhibited an optimal pH for activity ranging

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between 7 and 9 and methylated almost exclusively 7-methylxanthine with low activity toward paraxanthine, indicating a strict substrate specificity regarding the 3-N position of the purine ring. Km values were estd. to be 50 and 12 .mu.M for 7-methylxanthine and S-adenosyl-L-methionine, resp. Transcripts of CaMXMT could be shown to accumulate in young leaves and stems contg. buds, and green fluorescent protein fusion protein assays indicated localization in cytoplasmic fractions. The results suggest that, in coffee plants, caffeine is synthesized through three independent methylation steps from xanthosine, in which CaMXMT catalyzes the second step to produce theobromine.

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- L3 ANSWER 8 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 1 SO Journal of Biological Chemistry (2001), 276(11), 8213-8218 CODEN: JBCHA3; ISSN: 0021-9258
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- L3 ANSWER 9 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- Caffeine synthase (CS), the S-adenosylmethionine(SAM)-dependent N-methyltransferase is a key enzyme for caffeine biosynthesis, since this enzyme is involved in the last two-methylation steps. The CS protein was purified from young tea leaves and subsequently the CS cDNA, named TCS, was isolated (Kato et al., 2000). To isolate cDNA clones encoding CS from coffee, we established a cDNA library from young coffee leaves and carried out screening of this. Oligonucleotides corresponding to the consensus sequences, which form the putative SAM binding region of TCS, were synthesized and used for RT-PCR as primers. The resulting PCR products were used to screen approx. 5.0.times.105 plaques from a coffee cDNA library. Finally, independent five cDNA clones, termed CCS clones, were isolated and analyzed those sequences. The predicted amino acid sequences of the CCS clones are over 80% identical among those of the clones and share almost 40% identity with those of TCS and salicylic acid carboxyl methyltransferase from Clarkia breweri, resp. The mol. masses of these proteins were almost the same (approx. 43 kDa). These values agree well with that of TCS protein (41 kDa). We have established expression systems of CCS cDNAs in E. coli. Some transformants have produced recombinant proteins. Theobromine producing activity was confirmed in some kinds of recombinant proteins.
- => d 9 so
- L3 ANSWER 9 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- SO Colloque Scientifique International sur le Cafe (2001), 19th, 815-818 CODEN: CICRD8
- => d 10 ab
- L3 ANSWER 10 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- AB The present invention provides protein and cDNA sequences of a novel Camellia sinensis N-methyltransferase, one of the enzymes constituting a caffeine biosynthesis system, which simultaneously have activities of three Me transferases, 7-Me xanthine N3 Me transferase, theobromine N1 Me transferase and paraxanthine N3 Me transferase. Thanks to the present invention, N-Me transferase that can be utilized as an industrial, food, or medical enzyme, can be produced efficiently. The present invention makes it possible to modify caffeine biosynthesis metab. of caffeine productive plants, plant tissues, or plant cells, for

efficiently producing caffeine metab. based compds. Furthermore, the caffeine biosynthesis metab. of caffeine productive plants, plant tissues, or plant cells can be modified, thereby modifying the prodn. rate of a caffeine metab. based compd. group.

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- L3 ANSWER 12 OF 29 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2002 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
- TI Can caffeine metabolism be used as an in-vivo probe for human flavin-containing monooxygenase activity.
- L3 ANSWER 13 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI The stimulatory action and the development of tolerance to caffeine is associated with alterations in **gene** expression in specific brain regions
- L3 ANSWER 14 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 2
- TI Flavin monooxygenase 3 (FMO3) polymorphism in a white population: allele frequencies, mutation linkage, and functional effects on clozapine and caffeine metabolism
- L3 ANSWER 15 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS . DUPLICATE 3
- TI Phenotyping of flavin-containing monooxygenase using caffeine metabolism and genotyping of FMO3 gene in a Korean population
- L3 ANSWER 16 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Amine-substituted xanthinyl compounds, their preparation, and use for treatment of diseases caused by an undesirable cell response mediated by a proliferative intracellular signaling pathway
- L3 ANSWER 17 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 vpr gene induces phenotypic effects similar to those of the DNA alkylating agent, nitrogen mustard
- L3 ANSWER 18 OF 29 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2002 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
- TI Intoxication with dextromethorphan in an adolescent with a genetic cytochrome P450 CYP2D6 deficiency.
- L3 ANSWER 19 OF 29 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2002 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
- TI Effect of colchicine and methylated purines on nitrous acid-induced gene conversion in Saccharomyces cerevisiae.
- L3 ANSWER 20 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS
- TI Continuous microbial manufacture of xanthines

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The authors sought neurochem. correlates to the stimulatory action of L3 caffeine in rats and to adaptations during development of tolerance. · AB Acute i.p. injections of caffeine (7.5 mg/kg) increased locomotion and NGFI-A mRNA, a marker of neuronal activity, in the hippocampal area CA1, but decreased NGFI-A mRNA in rostral striatum and nucleus accumbens. Rats that received caffeine (0.3 gm/L) in their drinking water for 14 d developed tolerance to the stimulatory effect of a challenge with caffeine (7.5 mg/kg) and responded with a less pronounced decrease of NGFI-A mRNA in rostral striatum and nucleus accumbens. Metab. of caffeine to its active metabolites was increased in tolerant animals, but the total level of active metabolites in brain was not significantly altered. Thus, there are changes in caffeine metab. after long-term caffeine treatment, but they cannot explain development of tolerance. Caffeine-tolerant animals had downregulated levels of adenosine A2A receptors and the corresponding mRNA in rostral parts of striatum, but an increased expression of adenosine Al receptor mRNA in the lateral amygdala. No changes in mesencephalic tyrosine hydroxylase mRNA were found in caffeine-tolerant rats. Thus, the authors have identified neuronal pathways that are regulated by adenosine A1 and/or A2A receptors and are targets for the stimulatory action of caffeine. Furthermore, adaptive changes in gene expression in these brain areas were assocd. with the development of locomotor tolerance to caffeine. . .

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ANSWER 21 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS Effect of different xanthines and phosphodiesterase inhibitors on c-fos

expression in rat striatum

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A binding site model and structure-activity relationships for the rat A3 TΙ adenosine receptor

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Caffeine metabolism in a healthy Spanish population: N-acetylator TT phenotype and oxidation pathways

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The performance of short-term tests in identifying potential germ cell mutagens: a qualitative and quantitative analysis

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A caffeine demethylase gene from Pseudomonas and its use in the L3 microbial manufacture of 3-methyl-7-alkylxanthines TΙ

DUPLICATE 4 ANSWER 26 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS

Caffeine, estradiol, and progesterone interact with human CYP1A1 and L3 CYP1A2. Evidence from cDNA-directed expression in Saccharomyces ΤI cerevisiae

DUPLICATE 5 ANSWER 27 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS · L3

Caffeine as a probe for human cytochromes P450: validation using CDNA-expression, immunoinhibition and microsomal kinetic and Τİ inhibitor techniques

DUPLICATE 6 ANSWER 28 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS L3

Biotransformation of caffeine, paraxanthine, theobromine, and theophylline by cDNA-expressed human CYP1A2 and CYP2E1 TΙ

ANSWER 29 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 7 Effect of colchicine and methylated purines on UV-induced mitotic L3 TΙ

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ANSWER 28 OF 29 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 6 Six human cytochrome P450s expressed in HepG2 cells using vaccinia virus T.3 cDNA-directed expression, were used to study the biotransformation AB of caffeine and its metabolites. CYP1A2 alone was responsible for caffeine 3-demethylation and paraxanthine 7-demethylation; in addn., 1A2 catalyzed virtually all reactions related to caffeine and its metabolites. The metabolic profile of caffeine biotransformation by CYP1A2 averaged 81.5% for paraxanthine, 10.8% for theobromine and 5.4% for theophylline formation. It remained quite uniform when caffeine concns. were varied. The most striking finding was that CYP2E1 (the ethanol-inducible form) had major influences upon caffeine metab.: in particular, it catalyzed the formation of theophylline and theobromine from caffeine. Thus, the in vivo metabolite profiling of caffeine may reveal CYP2E1 activities in addn. to the previously documented activities of CYP1A2, polymorphic N-acetyltransferase and xanthine oxidase.

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TI Biosynthesis and metabolism of caffeine and related purine alkaloids in plants

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ANSWER 3 OF 3 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS A review with many refs. Caffeine and other purine alkaloids, including theobromine and theophylline, have played a major role in the AB long-standing popularity of non-alc. beverages and foods such as coffee, tea, cocoa, mate, chocolate and a wide range of soft drinks. Nearly 100 plant species have been identified as contg. these purine alkaloids; the more common are from the genera Camellia, Coffea, Cola, Ilex; Paullinia and Theobroma. [Equation Omitted]. This review begins by summarizing those aspects of general purine metab. in plants that are related to purine alkaloid metab., and then provides an up-to-date account of the biosynthesis of caffeine and theobromine in a variety of plant species. Recent information on the properties and isolation of key enzymes, such as the caffeine synthase, are presented. Physiol. studies on caffeine biosynthesis in tea and coffee plants including the authors' own work are also introduced. Catabolism of caffeine via demethylation to xanthine and degrdn. via the purine catabolism pathway in higher plants is then reviewed. The diversity of caffeine catabolism between species and

between tissues of different age is considered. In young tea leaves, theophylline, a catabolite of caffeine, is reutilized for caffeine synthesis, but in aged Coffea arabica leaves 7-methylxanthine accumulates. Some Coffea species convert caffeine to methyluric acids. Finally, biotechnol. of purine alkaloids including caffeine prodn. in tissue and cell cultures and the possibilities of producing decaffeinated beverages through the use of transgenic coffee and tea plants are described. (c) 1999 Academic Press.

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L5 ANSWER 3 OF 3 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS SO Advances in Botanical Research (1999), 30, 117-205 CODEN: ABTRAJ; ISSN: 0065-2296

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Gene isolation and enzymatic properties

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